

## **REMARKS**

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-51 were pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, Claim 1 is being currently amended and Claims 6-17, 22-33, and 37-48 are being canceled. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-5, 18-21, 34-36, and 49-51 are pending and under consideration. The amendments of Claim 1 and various objections and rejections of the claims are addressed in detail, below.

### **Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 6-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite. Claims 6-17, and their dependent claims, have been deleted without prejudice.

### **Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

Claims 1-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over EP 0961138 to Belyaev *et al.* in view of U.S. 5,764,001 to Khan *et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a liquid crystal information display, comprising a front panel, a rear panel, and a layer of liquid crystal material between the front and rear panels, wherein the layer of the liquid crystal material has parameters achieved at least in the state of the liquid crystal material with applied electric field to provide at least one interference maximum or minimum of transmission or reflection at the exit of the front panel.

Belyaev *et al.* teach a polarizer of a liquid crystal film. However, Belyaev *et al.* do not teach that a layer of a liquid crystal material has parameters achieved at least in the state of the liquid crystal material to provide interference maximum or minimum at the exit of the front panel. Likewise, Khan *et al.* teach a film used in a plasma display. However, Khan *et al.* do not teach or suggest that a layer of a liquid crystal material has parameters achieved at least in the state of the liquid crystal material to provide interference maximum or minimum at the exit of the front panel.

Furthermore, the liquid crystal information display recited in instant Claim 1 has an optical feature in the state of liquid crystal material with applied electric field, a state that cannot exist for a polarizer film.

Therefore, even if one of ordinary skill attempts to combine Belyaev *et al.* with Khan *et al.*, the combination cannot arrive at the present invention as neither Belyaev *et al.* nor Khan *et al.* teach or suggest a layer of liquid crystal material has parameters achieved at least in the state of the liquid crystal material to provide interference maximum or minimum at the exit of the front panel.

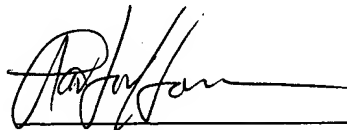
Claims 2-5, 18-21, 34-36, and 49-51 depend from Claim 1 directly or indirectly. Thus, these dependent claims are allowable over Belyaev *et al.* and Khan *et al.* for at least the same reasons as for Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-5, 18-21, 34-36, and 49-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-71153/MSS/TJH (463031-8)).

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